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Mainstreaming learning disabled debated

Michelle Millhollon
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If your child was learning disabled or "special" in some other way, how would you want him to be schooled? In a special education school or class, or in a regular classroom? At the moment it would be up to you as a parent to make that decision, but on April 26 that may change—and an LSUS student is fighting against such a change.

The Caddo Parish School Board is scheduled to vote on whether to close all but one special education school, and mainstream most special education students into regular classrooms.

Betsy Wood, a senior criminal justice major, is leading a parents' group fighting to stop such action. Wood's 14-year-old son has an attention deficit disorder and has also been labeled learning disabled and emotionally disturbed. He is currently enrolled at a Shreveport special

education school, but will attend Woodlawn High School in the fall. Wood wants to leave the decision of whether or not to mainstream a child up to the parents or guardian.

"We (parents' group) were told (by the school board) in not so many words that as parents we don't have the right to choose. I am not against mainstreaming when it's done on a case-by-case basis and the child is ready to go back to school. We feel this (if it passes) is detrimental to our children."

The mainstreaming program the



Wood

parish is examining would set aside Alexander School for high-risk children who the parish decides can't cope in a regular classroom. All other special education children would be placed into regular classrooms. A full-inclusion teacher would rotate from room to room throughout the day, along with special education aides. Gretchen Fredieu is a full-inclusion teacher at Creswell Elementary, before that she was a special education teacher for six years. She feels special education schools insulate children so much, they never learn to cope with the outside world.

"It's not the real world (in the schools). There shows no improvement..."

Fredieu said that many children in regular classrooms also have learning disabilities or emotional disturbances, but haven't been labeled because their parents won't sign the necessary papers. She feels mainstreaming catches these children, as

well as helps the labeled children.

Dr. Patricia Doerr, chairperson of the LSUS education department, also believes in mainstreaming—if it's done right.

"From a regular education background, I've always thought it important for children to have as normal an education as possible. I think they're (Caddo Parish) going to have to be careful..."

Doerr also said LSUS may have to revamp its education curriculum if mainstreaming is passed. Regular education majors have only one special education class.

"It's (special education) being addressed. It may be something... we'll have to adjust our curriculum to better prepare our regular education teachers. We hit a little bit of it. It may take a real shakeup if this does happen."

Vicki Kent, an elementary education major set to graduate next May, said she favors mainstreaming "because it doesn't alienate any of

the kids... it's like bringing the real world to school."

Kent is taking the special education class this semester, but thinks only actual experience dealing with special ed children can fully prepare teachers.

Woods fears that teachers won't be prepared or able to deal with a special ed child.

"We have children who haven't spoken in years. In special ed schools the classrooms are much smaller, usually no more than eight (children per class), because it takes a lot of time and individual attention to keep them from going ballistic."

Woods said she also feels the board is considering doing is illegal because "it violates my child's civil rights. What we want... is the right to choose a space for the kid for a little while so they can learn. Ultimately it's going to cost the (parish) more money to close down and restart it than to let it just go."

This Week At LSUS

Tuesday, April 13 Wellness Fair

If you've been looking for the chance to see how mentally and physically fit you are, come check out the 5th annual wellness fair in the UC Ballroom from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Wellness Fair will give you a chance to get your cholesterol level checked, blood pressure, pulse, oxygen in blood, height, weight and flexibility. You can also stop by the various booths and read up on AIDS, recycling and homelessness.

The Wellness Fair is sponsored by the counseling center and the SGA. This year Highland Hospital will be conducting the cholesterol check.

Tuesday, April 13 Pride Rally

A University Pride Rally will be during the common hour in the mall. Chancellor John Darling and SGA President Vincent Mangum will speak on pride at LSUS.

In addition, the SGA will hold a recycling drive from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. that day. The campus organization that brings in the most aluminum cans and newspapers will receive a prize.

April 15 Spring Fling

For students who are suffering from end-of-the-semester stress, term paper paranoia, tax turmoil or excessive exam anxiety, the Student Activities Board has a cure.

The event will be held in the mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Claire, a local rock band, will play from 10:30-1:00. The Crawdads, who specialize in country and southern rock, take the stage at 1:30. Beer, soft drinks and snacks will be sold by the food service and some campus groups.

The SAB is providing a Gyro, the device used to help train astronauts; a flytrap, which is a velcro wall that you can fling yourself at while wearing a velcro suit; and a walking piano like the

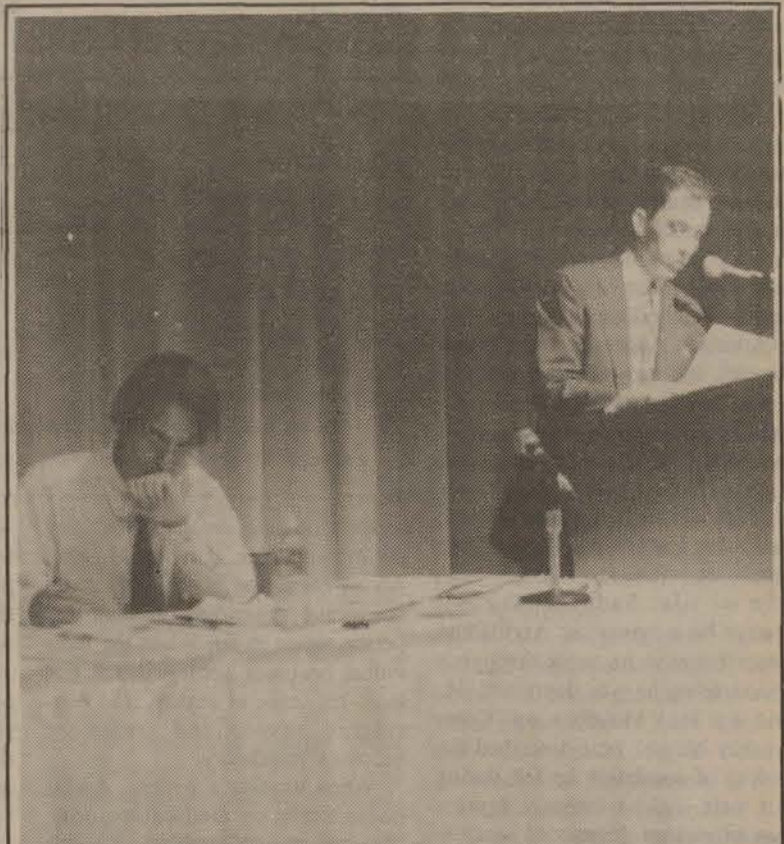
one in the movie "Big."

April 16-18 Racquetball

The College of Education is sponsoring its 1st annual racquetball tournament on April 16-18 in conjunction with Holiday in Dixie. Awards, money, and gift certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division. There are men and women divisions. The entry fee for the 1st event is \$25, and for the 2nd event is \$15. The tournament will be held in the H & PE building. For more information contact Dr. Demello at 797-5271.

April 16-24 Holiday In Dixie

The 20th Holiday In Dixie festival is April 16-24 "Jammin' on the Red" is this year's theme. The riverfront festival will feature live bands playing a variety of rock, pop, country/western, jazz and blues, plus a wide variety of food and drinks.



Trey Gibson (left) and Kevin Hammond battle it out in a mock debate at a debate team fundraiser held on March 31.

Photo by Tim Groening

News

Debate team earns national ranks

Cindy Rowe
Almagest

The state champion LSUS debate team went to Tacoma, Wash. March 19-20 to test their skills on a national level. And they did our school proud. The team placed 11th out of 55 teams participating in the Pi Kappa Delta tournament.

"It took everybody's win-loss record to achieve an 11th place ranking in the tournament," said M.G. Jarzabek, coach of the team.

Trey Gibson placed ninth out of 52 debaters, and Jeff Cheney placed 19th, in the Lincoln-Douglas competition.

Kevin Hammond and Jeff Harrell placed fourth out of 22 teams in the varsity debate competition.

The novice team of Toney Miller and Gideon Lincecum won three of their six rounds.

This was the first time the LSUS team has gone to national competition in approximately ten years, Jarzabek said.

The team's overall ranking has

improved. Out of 36 Texas and Louisiana schools, LSUS is ranked seventh. Jarzabek said that places the team in the top 20 percent of the nation.

Competition wasn't the only reason for going to Tacoma. The team also formally presented LSUS' bid to host the 1995 PKD national convention and tournament. The bid was accepted unanimously.

The biennial convention will be held here March 22-25 and is expected to bring more than 1,000 students from across the nation.

At this year's convention, Miller was elected student representative on the national council of PKD for the next two years. His responsibilities



Gibson

ties will include helping to coordinate the 1995 convention and help plan student activities during the tournament.

While this year's competition for the team is over, they are already looking forward to next year. Hammond, team captain, is the only member graduating. Gibson will be taking over as captain.

"We should be coming back with a pretty strong team," Jarzabek said.

This summer the team will begin researching on next year's topic. Jarzabek said that although they won't know the topic until mid-summer, they will have indications to allow them to begin preparing.

"I'm looking forward to having a good team next year," Gibson said. "We have a lot to live up to."

Jarzabek said the debate program is starting to pick up momentum. And as more people want to compete, the team's overall stats get better. She said this makes LSUS competitive with schools that are much larger and have larger budgets.

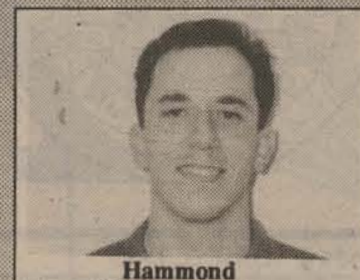
LSUS touts state champs

The LSUS debate team has produced some champion debaters this year. While all team members' win-loss record determines their tournament wins and ranking, three of the members placed first in their events at the state championship tournament recently.

Trey Gibson, senior history major, was the state champion Lincoln-Douglas debater. At the national tournament he placed ninth out of 52 debaters.

"It was the most incredible feeling in my life," Gibson said, describing his win at the state tournament. "I had to earn it; I didn't win it easily."

At the national tournament Gibson was named an outstanding legislator after participating in the



Hammond

Student Congress, a mock congress where students debate resolutions with only one day's preparation.

Kevin Hammond, senior English major, and Jeff Harrell, sophomore history major, were state champions in varsity debate. At the national competition they placed fourth out of 22 teams.

"Part of me was surprised, but part of me was arrogant and said, 'It's about time,'" Harrell said.

Hammond, team captain, is the only team member to graduate this year.

"(The state championship) was a nice way to go out," Hammond said.



Harrell

Depression therapy treats causes, symptoms

Caroline Leone
Almagest

Feeling down in the dumps lately? If feelings of hopelessness, fatigue, guilt, poor concentration seem to be taking over your life, the Webster Room is where you should have been "Conquering Your Depression" on March 24.

David G. Atkins, began by pointing out to the 20 people attending that it is important to focus on depression because it is a common problem today.

"It affects one in five people sometime in their life," Atkins said, "unfortunately it goes untreated."

Atkins is a licensed professional counselor, and has a private practice in Shreveport where he treats individuals and couples that have mild to moderate depression.

Depression is a mood disturbance that leads to withdrawal from people, activities and loss for pleasure of life. Sadness may not always be a symptom. Atkins can relate because he went through a period when he was depressed. He said that Pink Floyd's song "Comfortably Numb" best described the feeling of numbness he felt during this state. Atkins looks at depression in various degrees of seriousness: First there is passive, where the individual wonders what it would be like to be dead; then there is active, where the individual plans the suicide; and finally there are threats and promises.

Depression can affect everyone. Married people experience depression more often than single people and women are twice as likely as men to be diagnosed as depressed "because of the role women are asked to play in society," Atkins said.

The treatment of depression

Atkins said that there is no excuse for not going to therapy if you're feeling down. If you can't afford the cost for a psychiatrist (which can cost up to \$125 per hour), there are counseling centers that can charge as low as \$16 per hour.

The LSUS Counseling Center,

How to Avoid the Blues

- Examine your feelings
- Talk things over with someone
- Get some exercise
- Avoid alcohol
- Avoid extra stress/challenges
- Take a break/vacation
- See a physician
- Read self help books (Atkins recommends *New Mood Therapy* by David Burns)

depends on how severely depressed the individual is. If it's mild, what Atkins calls "the blues," treatment is optional, depending on what that person wants to do. When the individual becomes nonfunctional and loses his sense of reality, it is considered severe and treatment becomes mandatory.

When treating a patient, Atkins doesn't rely on medication only. "I'm real uncomfortable in treating depression of any kind only by medication." He said that medication is designed to treat the symptoms, not the person, therefore people only feel better but don't get better.

who sponsored this seminar, is free for all students. Lisa Karevicius, a peer counselor at the center, said that they have about 20 students a week coming in for counseling. Although many of the students come in for treatment of career and stress problems, "Most of the students we see have some sort of sexual abuse," said Karevicius.

If you need some counseling the LSUS Counseling Center is located in the Administration Building, room 227. They're open regular hours: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday.

City/SPAR respond to First Amendment suit

Meridith Orr
Features Editor

The City of Shreveport issued a response Mar. 19 to a civil rights action filed by Society of the Damned concerning Shreveport Parks and Recreation's cancellation of a concert last summer. The answer is petitioning for the complaint's dismissal, denial of relief, and assessment of all costs of the action against the plaintiffs.

The answer, filed by city attorney Lydia Rhodes, specifically denied allegations that the "Use Contract/Hold Harmless Agreement" signed by the band indicated that the concert would indeed be held.

The city also denies that Superintendent of Cultural Arts Gyla Whitlow advised Carey Johnston that the concert would be cancelled based on the offending flyer, because of possible "political overtones." The city said that Whitlow cancelled the event after learning about the unap-

proved advertising.

However, the band's attorney, Steve Scheckman, contends that neither an agreement between the band and SPAR to preapprove advertising nor a requirement or ordinance to that effect existed, another point the city refutes. The city also denies the band's claim that they addressed the city council and met with SPAR director Johnny Ford in an attempt to "resolve their differences" and proceed with the concert.

Finally, the answer asserts that the band's suit fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Ford and Whitlow say that they were acting within the scope of their employment with the City of Shreveport, and at that time, under the law, believed that their actions were indeed constitutional.

Scheckman called the city's response "typical," adding that depositions have been scheduled in the next couple of weeks. He hopes a trial date will be set by late spring or early summer.

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Dump the Dunkel rating system for ranking teams in playoffs

The mid-terms blues are in full bloom, but we can breathe a little easier now as the oasis of sports entertainment has begun. Of course, it's March Madness time. The office pools are over flowing. Despite the euphoria of March Madness, there are problems in the sports world, though they may go unnoticed by untrained eyes. You'll only find true sports enlightenment here on this page, in this paper, and from my brain. It is Sports 101 time. The Pilot basketball season has been over nearly a month now. The excitement of the men making the playoffs, the disappointment in their loss, and the anger over the women not getting there have all passed. We can now reflect on a season of remarkable growth within the basketball program. Okay, forget it. My anger hasn't passed over our teams lack of post-season respect. The source of my anger stems from the Dunkel Ratings.

The NAIA District VIII, to which our program belongs, ranks and evaluates our teams with the Dunkel Rating, as does many other leagues in the nation. This national rating system was established by Dick Dunkel, headquartered in Florida. According to District VIII Information Director Reed Richmond, this system ranks every college basketball team in the country on a 100 point scale. The best team in the country, like Indiana or North Carolina, receives 100 points and the scale goes down from there.

With there being approximately 580 mens team's, of course many teams share the same power ranking. Theoretically, this system can show how badly a team could beat another. For instance, in the final District VIII rankings the Pilot men had a Dunkel Rating of 24.0. That same week Duke was the best ranked

Sports 101

William Smith

team with 100.0. This would suggest that if LSUS went to Duke to play the Blue Devils, we would lose by a final score of about 100-24.

I can imagine the scene. Chad McDowell drives through the lane, shoots, and it's blocked by Cherokee Parks. Chris Lovell guards Grant Hill, but not for long as Hill slams for the two. Chris Young is on Bobby Hurley, oh, I'll stop it now. We would lose worse than 100-24. I love the Pilots, but these matchups are a bit ridiculous. This system does have some merit, but it does have flaws as well.

In the men's poll, the Pilots were ranked No. 5 with a 16-14 record, while Loyola University was ranked no. 3 with a 8-18 record, because they had a higher Dunkel

Rating. Supposedly, they had played higher rated teams and had performed well, so despite their record, they were rated higher. The same type of disgrace kept the Pilot women out of the playoffs. Despite having two of the leading scorers in the country, our Dunkel Rating was just 15.6. We had a 10-7 record and finished eighth in the Dunkel Ratings for District VIII. Only the top six teams made the playoffs, but of those teams, Huston-Tillotson College had a 8-22 record and Sul Ross State University was 9-14. Excuse me, maybe I'm being irrational, but when did a team losing start meaning that it was better than a winning one. Stop the press! Centenary's basketball team should be ranked No. 1!

The point is that if a team plays a tough schedule and loses, it doesn't change the fact that they are losers. It may mean that they have an idiot making their schedule. The District VIII offices need to review their practices of allowing losing teams to compete in the playoffs in place of winners. The Dunkel Rating system is fine for establishing the rankings in the regular season, but the playoffs reward winners. Pilot players worked hard, performed well, and won. They earned wins. The women should have made the playoffs. The men made the playoffs, and will again next year, but I hope we don't play Duke.

Opinion

There's no room for racism in baseball

Alexis Alexander
Almagest

Baseball season has begun. New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner is on his way back into baseball, and Strikeout King, Nolan Ryan is on his way out. On the eve of a new baseball season, an old controversy has yet to die down: Is there racism in baseball?

Last year, Cincinnati Reds' owner Marge Schott was accused of making racial and anti-Semitic remarks. Riding on the coattails of her situation, civil rights groups criticized Major League Baseball for not hiring enough minorities in high-level positions—a problem which could be solved only if put in full view of the public.

Marge Schott has always been plagued with controversy. She runs her ball club in a most unorthodox manner. Players claim that Schott has tried to sell them day-old donuts rather than throw them away. She also allows her St. Bernard to run the playing field during batting practice. Schott's antics have given her the reputation of being a "mean-spirited insensitive woman."

Schott's most recent problem stems from a deposition that she gave in 1991. She was being sued by Tim Sabo, a former employee, who said he was dismissed because he did not agree with her racial and religious remarks. The suit was eventually dropped, but the issue was not.

In the deposition she admitted to using racial slurs in referring to members of her own team. Despite criticism, she still makes insulting comments without considering the ramifications. It has become obvious that she believes some of what she says.

Schott has since met with representatives from Black and Jewish organizations and apologized for any statements she made that might have been offensive. But, she claims the whole situation is "berserk" because she is a minority—a woman in the male dominated profession of baseball.

It is clear that Schott deserved more than a slap on the wrist. "Sports Illustrated" said she deserved the stiffest penalty unless she recanted her remarks and demonstrated a sensitivity to minority hiring.

Baseball's home run leader and vice president of the Atlanta Braves, Hank Aaron, who is black, urged the suspension of Schott, as did many civil rights groups.

Since Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent had been fired, a coun-

cil of owners decided her fate. They let her negotiate her punishment. She was found guilty of "an insensitivity that cannot be accepted or tolerated." Schott was suspended for a year, fined \$25,000, ordered to sit away from the dugout and not in the owner's box at Reds' home games and attend multi-cultural training classes.

Has our society come to accept the language that Schott used? She was fined for using language that was deemed racially and ethnically offensive.

Marge Schott's comments made many question racial policies and treatment of minorities baseball. Major League Baseball does not hire enough blacks and other minorities as managers, coaches, or in front office positions. Only 4 percent of executive and department heads are black. In 1992, 17 percent of front office personnel were minorities. That was up from 2 percent in 1987.

The Cincinnati Reds' front office minority hiring is the worst in baseball. Until recently, Schott had hired only one minority in the front office, and he spent most of his time on the grounds crew. Almost 2 percent of the Reds' front office is minority, while the MLB team average is 16 percent.

A study of sports in society gives baseball the lowest overall rating in terms of general fairness to blacks. There are no black general managers. Only five managers are a minority, and three of them were hired in the off-season. There is a vast difference in the number of minorities playing sports and the number coaching and in other positions. Minorities make up 31 percent of baseball players and only five of 28 managers are a minority. This situation is similar in the NBA, NFL, and in college sports.

Civil rights leaders can point out that a number of qualified blacks, including former players, have been passed up for jobs in favor of whites. They have met with officials and players association representatives to discuss possible boycotts by athletes.

So what happens now? Will a fine and a suspension change Marge Schott? Chances are they will not. Other owners should learn a lesson from Schott and focus on behavior—theirs and the treatment of others, and minority hiring.

Deputy Commissioner of Baseball, Steve Greenberg, said, "Bigotry has no place in baseball, just as it has no place in American society." The message is clear—there is no room for racism in the national pastime.



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'IN CONCLUSION' (PART 2 OF 4)



There's always a hitch

Hornak gives coast-to-coast trek a thumbs down

I've made up my mind. Upon graduation, which should be arriving here in a few minutes, I'm going to gather up all of my belongings (some Billy Joel tapes and a Hard-ee's 2-for-1 coupon) into a backpack and hitch-hike across Europe. Now, I know this is a potentially hazardous endeavour—I've seen "American Werewolf in London"—so last week during Spring Break, as a sort of warm-up, I decided to hitch-hike across our great United States, a.k.a. the "lower 48."

So I flew up to Buck's Bluff, Maine (only pansies start in New York), and I commenced with the thumb action. After six hours of the thumb action I realized why those pansies start in New York—it's because New Englanders are portentous snobs who won't give anybody making less than one-hundred-thousand a year the time o' day... or night, which is what it was by the time Biff the lobster truck guy finally gave me a lift.

Biff, bless his heart, took me all the way to Pennsylvania where I quickly found myself in Amish country. There I met the most lax Amish man I've ever witnessed. He tried to run me over with his BMW as he shouted "Get off of my @\$% dirt road!" Then he threw a butter churn and a power drill at me. My respect for the peaceful sect was restored when an Amish family ran me out of town with shovels and torches, but only after they made me plow 6 acres with my teeth.

Dazed and disillusioned, I lumbered wearily and hungrily along the shoulder of I-79 until a generous woman of about sixty picked me up. She said she'd take me as far as

Paint Lick, Kentucky. On the way she fed me what she called "Granny's Famous Blue-Grass Muffins," tasty morsels that not only filled my stomach, but made me see giant, polka-dotted bunnies dancing on the hood of the car. She muttered something about white slavery just before I passed out.

When I woke up, it was Thursday night and I was headlining at an all-gay male dance revue in Crested Butte, Colorado. I was shamed and degraded, but I cleaned up on Karaoke. My only consolation in the whole ordeal was that I had entirely missed the Mid-West. I escaped through the club's back window, appropriately enough, but found little luck in hitching a ride, as I was clad in a frightening leather leotard and chains. With the money I found stapled to my bum, I bought some used clothes and a bus ticket to the Pacific Ocean. I was almost there!

But things were going too well, so the bus broke down just inside of California. The driver, formerly of the Auschwitz first string whipping guard, forced me and the others to hike to the nearest town. By Saturday evening my feet were like two throbbing burlap things and I was beginning to run low on umph. That

my Long March cohorts dog-piled me and left me for dead when I mentioned that I was from the South, that my last remaining dollar was confiscated by a drunk, bat-wielding vermin on the outskirts of Sloat, and that I could find no shelter save a fire-gutted hovel next to an oozing cesspool put a terrific crimp in my night.

The next morning, up and at 'em, I accepted a ride to the Western shore from an old, toothless man in a '77 Vega. This man's breath was so bad that when he opened his mouth a yellow vapor ebbed into the car. There was a cemetery of dead flies on the dash, doubtless victims of that horrendous halitosis. When we finally arrived at the coast eleven hours later, I was so overjoyed that I forgave the man for recounting fourteen times the same story about his son's toe amputation.

I also thanked him for helping me to see that though I had had a tremendous experience the past week, it was ultimately a waste. I decided that I would not, after all, do the Europe thing. The world is a cruel, hostile place, and if a little excursion is what I'm craving, I need only reach as far as the remote control.

Robert
Hornak

Another view

Edwards, Darling forget students' needs in actions

Chancellor John Darling called an emergency meeting Thursday, March 25, to be held at 3:30 in the afternoon to discuss the actions of the legislature and how that would affect the university community. Darling said the meeting was very important for all students, faculty and staff, and at 1:30, signs were being posted around the halls announcing the meeting for later that day. But at 2 p.m. Information Director Lynn Stewart called to say the meeting was canceled supposedly because the legislature was doing things that could have changed what Darling was going to say.

First, let's commend Darling on his vast knowledge of the student life at this school. Practically no one is on this campus at 3:30 in the afternoon, much less with absolutely no notice of a very important meeting. Then, to cancel it under the auspices that the legislature might actually do something in the special session? What a laugh. We, the taxpayers of this state, paid them to sit on their butts and consider raising our taxes. Of course, keeping with Louisiana tradition, they did nothing.

Second, what exactly was Darling going to talk about at that emergency meeting? According to the rumor mill amongst students and faculty, it was something to the effect of no summer school AND higher tuition in the fall. This would not be a tuition increase, but a surcharge on the tuition you currently pay.

No summer school may excite some of you, but for those planning to graduate after the summer sessions, get ready to put your life on hold. For those betting on a December graduation after attending summer school, plan on May. Of course, this is all contingent upon whether or not the legislature plans to do something in this regular session to relieve imminent hits at higher ed.

A couple of tax proposals, sales tax and a tax on business, are on the table and of course there are those inevitable cuts. Deep cuts. What exactly will happen, no one knows. Fast Eddy has his ideas: a gasoline tax, sales tax, property tax and repealing the tax credits. For some reason no one seems ready to go along with his ideas.

Edwards was recently seen on a newscast saying let everything fall apart—let higher education institutions close, let hospitals refuse service, let businesses leave, or worse, not come at all—then the people will see how badly those tax increases are needed. He has set the taxpayer up for a fall. He is going to let the legislature sit on their collective rear ends, and let everything go to hell in a hand basket. Then, taxpayers will see that tax increases are the only way to get things up to snuff. As up to snuff as they can get for Louisiana.

Chancellor Darling could do some things to improve his standing with the students on this campus. He could be more in tune with how they feel and consider their input. He is the students' representative to the rest of this state. He only needs to walk around the campus and talk to the students to get an idea of what they are thinking. He should use the resources this school has readily available.

On the flip side of all this is reform. You can cry and scream and stomp and throw a fit until the cows come home and you won't see legislative, tax or government reform in Louisiana. There is just no room for forward moving, educated, logical thinkers in this state.

Pack the U-haul, say goodbye and leave this God-forsaken place soon.

Kitty Ditty

Klaus declares war on technology

The public is apparently starved for jokes about cat genitalia.

I'm referring to the column I did earlier this semester about my roommate's cats. In case you missed it, it was your basic "Boy buys two girl kittens, one kitten turns out to be a boy, boy kitty reaches kitty puberty and tries to forge unholy relationship with sister kitty, boy kitty spends night at the vet, boy kitty comes home meowing in a higher octave" story.

Well, it certainly got the most favorable response of any of the columns I've written. All that means is, instead of two people wanting to punch me for what I'd written, two people wanted to pat me on the back for what I'd written.

And people keep asking how Klaus (the former boy kitty who is now a gelding) is doing. The little guy has actually worked his way into the hearts of LSUS students. He's become a pop icon, like New Kids on the Block or Charles Martin.

So in that spirit, here's your Klaus update.

Getting him fixed accomplished exactly what we wanted it to. He no longer tries to commit kitty incest. He doesn't spray the furniture to mark his territory.

But being genderless hasn't slowed him down any: he's still a total and complete bastard. While we sleep, he plays a little game.

Tim
Greening



He's a disgruntled gang member, our living room is South Central Los Angeles, and every night is April 29, 1992.

I didn't know kitties had religions, but I'm convinced Klaus is Amish. Militant Amish. He not only doesn't believe in modern technology, he's declared war on it.

The first victim was my answering machine. See, an answering machine is like Disneyland to a kitty because all of the neat cords that are connected to it (the equation is kitty + cords = fun). One day he was playing in all of them, when he suddenly decided, "Damn! I was supposed to be in that other room ten minutes ago!" and takes off running. Well, the phone cords were still wrapped around him, and my answering machine, my BRAND NEW answering machine, followed right behind him.

Now when I get home, there's no longer a steady, unblinking light to tell me that no one called. I just

have to guess for myself that no one called.

The second casualty in Klaus' War on Appliances was the iron. For some reason, maybe it's the hissing sound of the steam, he is fascinated by the iron. Every time I'm pressing a shirt, he jumps up on the ironing board like he wants to help me. "No, no, Klaus," I tell him. "Without opposable thumbs, you can be no help at all." Then I push him off. We repeat this same exact ritual everyday.

Well, there are a couple of strings that hang down from the ironing board cover (in a similar equation, kitty + string = fun). I leave the room for one second, Klaus makes a jump for the strings. Well, you can fill in the rest. The iron, the ironing board, and all my ironing apparatus crash to the ground.

For those of you keeping score at home, it's Klaus 2, Appliances 0.

Q & A

Q: What are you doing for spring break?

A: "Working and studying."

Kim Bryant
Junior
Pre-med

A: "Working."

Tracy Crawford
Freshman
Elementary Education

A: "I'm going to work and play golf, golf, golf."

Mathew Buechter
Sophomore
Pre-med

A: "Working."

Quinton Gray
Sophomore
Chemistry

A: "I'm going to visit some friends in Monroe, rest and relax for a while."

Layla Hart
Sophomore
Criminal Justice

A: "Going camping in Arkansas with the Kappa Sigs."

Brian Holoubek
Freshman
Criminal Justice

A: "Diligently studying."

Patrick Graham
Sophomore
Finance

A: "I think I'm going to do a little fishing."

Scott Adams
Sophomore
Science

A: "I'm doing a little golf action."

Kevin Butler
Sophomore
Science

A: "Working and celebrating a friend's birthday."

Lecy Colbert
Junior
Elementary Education

President challenges youth

By President Clinton

I write to challenge you to join me in a great American adventure—national service.

I make this challenge because our country and our communities need help that government alone cannot provide. Government can make vaccines available to children, but alone it cannot administer shots to them all. It can put more police on the streets, but alone it cannot stop crime. It can improve the quality of our public schools, but cannot alone inspire children to live up to their potential.

It is time for Americans of every background to work together to lift our country up, neighborhood by neighborhood and block by block.

It is time to rediscover the excitement and idealism that makes us Americans.

This is what National Service is all about.

Through National Service, thousands will have the opportunity to pay for college by rebuilding their communities—serving as teachers, police officers, health care workers, and in other capacities. But it will take time for these ideas to pass Congress, and time to implement them. We must start now.

That is why I have called for a Summer of Service—this summer. More than 1,000 young people will serve in selected areas around the country, learning to lead and getting children who are at risk ready for school.

There are many who believe that young Americans will not answer a call to action. They say you are apathetic, and insist that you measure your success in the accumulation of material things. I know they are wrong, and I know you will answer this challenge. You can become an agent of renewal—either through the summer program or on your own. Write and tell me what you are doing, or what you want to do:

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Your efforts and your energies can lift the spirits of our nation and inspire the world. Please answer the call.

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Campus

BRIEFS

Arts & Entertainment

Festival International De Louisiana

Join visitors from around the world in an international celebration of music, dance, art, theatre, crafts, cinema and delicious cuisine in Lafayette April 20-25. The festival's theme, "Expressions de Liberte," honors freedom and the liberty of self expression through the arts. All music and dance performances are free of charge. For information on discount travel rates, call 1-800-735-5226.

Jazz Festival

Tickets are now on sale for the 24th Annual New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, April 23-May 2. The 10 day Festival features local talent, with national and international guests including the April 25 performances of Fats Domino, Patti LaBelle and Charmaine Neville and friends. Tickets may be charged by phone by calling Ticketmaster or

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aid office at 797-5363.

Arts For The Parks

The R.W. Norton Art Gallery will host the "Arts for the Parks" exhibit through May 9. The exhibit is a national tour of the leading 100 works selected in The National Park Academy of the Arts' 1992 contest. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the gallery's normal hours: Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. The museum is handicapped-accessible.

Opportunities

Financial Aid

Financial aid applications for 1993-94 are now available in the Financial Aid Office - Rm. 202, Adm. Bldg. It is recommended that students submit these applications for processing as soon as possible. Students and parents should complete their 1992 Federal tax returns before filing the financial aid application. For help, call the financial

Scholarship

The Rotary Foundation offers scholarships for one academic year of study in another country. Students interested in this type of education should apply for the Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship. Applicants should apply through their local Rotary Club. See Dr. Ed Chase for more details, Adm., Room 202, Est. 5363.

Club News

CSU

The Catholic Student Union will meet April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Caddo-Bossier Room in the UC.

Sigma Phi Nu

Sigma Phi Nu is selling raffle tickets for a chance at a 3-day vacation for two to Can Cun Mexico. Tickets are \$1. Proceeds will help purchase a Braille writer.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 12

* SAB - 12 noon

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

* Panhellenic meeting—10:30 a.m.
* Career Center Resumes for Procrastinators—12:30 p.m.
* College of Education Colloquia
* Hemingway "On the Edge"—10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Wellness Fair—9 a.m.-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

* SGA Banquet - 12 noon
* LSUS Superman Contest

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

* LSUS Superman Contest
* Career Center Workshop "Job Interviewing for Procrastinators"—noon
* CSU meeting—7 p.m.
* Last Day to submit thesis
* Spring Fling
* Post Season Softball Tournament

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

* Spring Fling
* Post Season Softball Tournament

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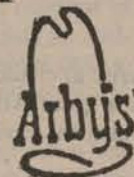
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Michael Douglas crosses the line in 'Falling Down'

ris Critchlow
agest

What happens when you take all that's holding a man up? Falls down of course. Now, you understand the significance of Michael Douglas' new movie title. Douglas character, D-FENS, had a good life. He had a family, a wife and a daughter. He had a job serving his country at a defense plant. Then, his wife divorced him and took their daughter with her. And he was fired from the defense plant.

What kind of payment is this for a man who has fulfilled his duty to his family and his country? His only consolation was to provide the best life he could for his family. What did he do to justify her divorcing him, taking his daughter, and even filing a restraining order against him? In his final scene, D-FENS complains, "I did everything they told me to. They lied to me." Instead of rewarding people who act honorably and live according to traditional values, our society rewards those who swindle and cheat others. The overkeeper with outrageous prices swindles luxuriously while the soldier barely feeds his family.



So, our society is full of honest, hardworking victims. These people need to be saved. His wife might no longer have any use for him, but other honest citizens need someone to stand up for them. "Why him?" you ask. In his eyes, he has nothing left to lose.

D-FENS wounds many of the deserving during his rampage. Convenience store owners who overcharge, gang bangers and rich retirees who harass anyone coming through their territory, construction companies which do unnecessary

work at the public's expense, and even a paranoid and hateful Neo-Nazi each display a lack of respect for his basic human dignity and fall prey to the righteous adventures of D-FENS. They wouldn't stay out of his way.

Somewhere along his quest for justice, he crosses over the line. He allows innocents to be hurt by his actions. This is most apparent during the final confrontation in which he is regrettably willing to hurt his daughter in order to punish his wife for taking away his happiness. Just

as when he had been willing to traumatize his little girl by forcing her to ride the toy horse that he had given her for her birthday, his methods, again, end up causing more harm than good despite the sincerity of his benevolent intentions.

In the end, all he really wanted to do was go home. He wanted to recapture the feeling of purpose that his life had before. He is held prisoner by the altruistic ethic which asserts that his life only has meaning in terms of the good he brings to others.

D-FENS' error is common in our society. Many disproportionately appraise their life's worth as more or less valuable than that of another's life. He thought he had nothing when he left his car to begin his journey, but he really fell down only because he gave up on himself.

The film's protagonist, a police officer named Pendergast (Robert Duvall) on the trail of D-FENS, leads a boring life. He represents the alternative to D-FENS' decision: not giving up on life even after a tragedy. But, as he still has a job (if he wants to keep it) and a wife (though not a very good one), the comparison falls short of being true. Unfortunately, this character

becomes interesting only when he abuses his wife (verbally) and a co-worker (physically): he is hardly a fine example of a man leading a virtuous life.

While this critic doesn't expect Duvall's character to lead a more interesting life than D-FENS, the film should have gone deeper into the motives of Officer Pendergast. As it stands, the scenes featuring Pendergast are nothing more than waiting periods of D-FENS to appear on the screen and wreak havoc in new and interesting ways.

Scenes with D-FENS are improved by the presence of unusual supporting characters. Scenes with Pendergast are dragged further down by thoroughly uninteresting supporting actors. People in real life aren't this boring. "Falling Down" leaves the audience wondering why Pendergast wants to go on living such a bland existence.

Although the audience must sit through Pendergast's depressing life, Michael Douglas exhibits the intensity he has commanded ever since "The China Syndrome". A few moments of boredom are a small price to pay for Douglas' performance and his character's compelling story.

KDAQ

rek Johnson
magest

Last month, KDAQ was listed in the top 50 public radio stations in the nation by the fall 1992 Arbitron ratings. KDAQ finished 39th in the nation. Catherine Fraser, general manager of KDAQ, was very pleased with the result.

"I am thrilled with KDAQ's ranking. I was concerned that we would never be ranked in the top 50 again," Fraser said.

The ratings are based on the number of people 12 and over who listen between 6 a.m. and 12 p.m. Monday through Friday. The area surveyed for KDAQ was Shreveport and Bossier. In the fall of 1992, 500 people listened to KDAQ. Each person listened an average of

8.4 hours every week. Fraser said improved programming helped KDAQ obtain such a high average.

"The average TSL (time spent listening) was extremely high. Although KDAQ's staff is smaller than three years ago, we have been able to reach a more diverse audience. Most people used to think KDAQ was news and classical music but now we have New Age and Blues," Fraser said.

Fraser said the high ranking could mean more sponsors for KDAQ. KDAQ's budget has increased since 1985 but the expense of broadcasting has quadrupled.

"I hope we can get some more sponsors. We could certainly use them," Fraser said.

Patty Palmer
Almagest

They may sound like Skid Row. They may look like Extreme. But don't let your eyes or ears deceive you. They're Bride, and Friday, April 16, they're bringing their straight-ahead, groove-style, metal music with a message to LSUS.

Bride is a four-man band from Louisville, Ky. with four #1 Christian metal hits and a 1992 Gospel Music Association Dove Award for Metal Song of the Year.

Unlike other popular metal bands, Bride brings a message to their music. That message encourages young people to stay in school, to stay away from drugs and alcohol and to consider the reality of a relationship with a loving and personal God.

Dale Thompson, the lead singer



for Bride, admits the difficulties the band faces in trying to reach young people with their message.

"With MTV and 40 cable channels pumping out all sorts of junk, it's hard to reach people with things like stay in school or the only way to have safe sex is to wait until you're married," Thompson said.

The members of Bride include Thompson, his brother, Troy Thompson, on guitar, Rik Foley, on bass and Jerry McBroom, on drums.

Bride is not surprised by the flak they get from conservative church folks for their tattoos, long hair and hard-edged musical style, but they have won well-earned support with a program they believe to be as

much a ministry as an entertainment vehicle.

The band began under the name Matrix in 1985, but changed the name to Bride for its scriptural reference to the church's relationship with Christ, which is mentioned in the book of Revelation. Thompson explained, "It's not a manly name, but neither is Queen or Cinderella."

The show is being sponsored in a joint effort between SAB and BSU, with all proceeds from the show to benefit the Shreveport Rescue Mission. All Access will open the show at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the bookstore. Cost is \$4 for students and \$6 for the public.

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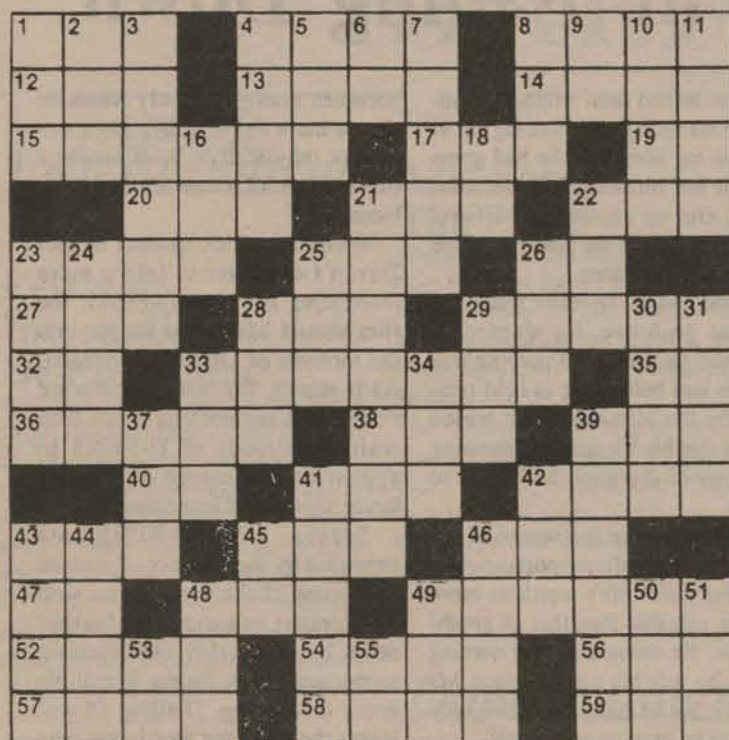
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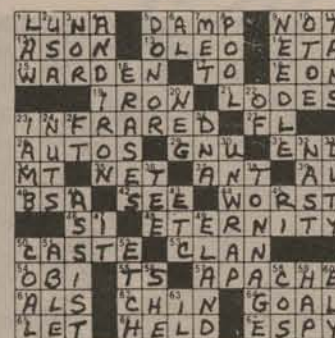
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| 4. Early growing grain sorghum | 23. Very little light | 39. Ribonucleic acid (abbr.) |
| 8. Hammer head | 25. 2,000 pounds | 40. Sodium symbol |
| 12. Doze momentarily | 26. Greeting | 41. Navy officer (abbr.) |
| 13. Religious symbol | 27. Mineral | 42. Appear |
| 14. Border | 28. He | 43. Inquire |
| 15. Figure of speech | 29. Passageway | 45. High card |
| 17. Mischievous child | 32. N.Y. district (abbr.) | 46. Brewed drink |
| 19. Midwest state (abbr.) | 33. Stone | 47. Fellow; pal (slang) |
| 20. Anger | 35. NW state (abbr.) | 48. Fuss |
| 21. Against | 36. Blue pencils | 49. Understanding |
| | | 52. Green grass |

54. Fish eggs
56. Indebted
57. Just gets by
58. Bird's home
59. Direction (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Central Nervous System (abbr.)
2. Hawaiian food
3. Respect
4. Distance
5. Frozen water
6. Behold
7. Vegetable
8. Energy
9. Used to form past tense
10. Shield of Zeus (var.)
11. Tide
16. Make angry
18. N. Central state (abbr.)
21. Friend
22. It is (poetic)
23. Dispense charity items
24. Dry
25. Fasten
26. Concealed
28. King's ship (abbr.)
29. Altitude (abbr.)
30. Border
31. Dutch cheese
33. 7th Greek letter
34. Appendage
37. Writing liquid
39. Purpose
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42. Ocean
43. Capable
44. Place in water
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